



Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

Docket Number: 0623.1110001/JMC/MGP

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on August 2, 2001;
as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/920,286; and
was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application, which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed		
<u>9902412.7</u> (Application No.)	<u>United Kingdom</u> (Country)	<u>3 February 1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
 (Application No.)	 (Country)	 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being:

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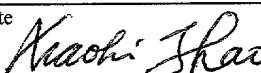
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE WITH DELEGATION

Vitrolife UK Limited, a corporation having a principal place of business at Research Avenue South, Heriot Watt Research Park, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH14 4AP, United Kingdom, is assignee of the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on 13th December 2001 of an invention known as Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives (Attorney Docket No. 0623.1110001), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors Xiaobin ZHAO (said application filed on August 2, 2001 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number 09/920,286).

The Assignee hereby appoint the U.S. attorneys associated with **CUSTOMER NUMBER 28393** to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, such attorneys currently being: Robert Greene Sterne, Esq., Reg. No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esq., Reg. No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esq., Reg. No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esq., Reg. No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esq., Reg. No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esq., Reg. No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esq., Reg. No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esq., Reg. No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esq., Reg. No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esq., Reg. No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esq., Reg. No. 35,239; Steven R. Ludwig, Esq., Reg. No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esq., Reg. No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esq., Reg. No. 39,588. The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Assignee hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from Kilburn and Strode, 20 Red Lion Street, London WC1R 4PJ, ENGLAND

as to any action to be taken in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorneys and the Assignee. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the Assignee.

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SIGNATURE: James White
BY: RAY JAMES WHITE
TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR
DATE: 13th DECEMBER 2001

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Vitrolife UK Limited

Application No./Patent No.: 09/920,286 Filed/Issue Date: August 2, 2001

Entitled: Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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- an assignee of an undivided part interest

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

Date: 13th DECEMBER 2001

Name: BARRY JAMES WHITE

Title: MANAGING DIRECTOR

Signature: Barry J. White

ASSIGNMENT

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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventor: Xiaobin ZHAO, the undersigned inventor hereby sells and assigns to Vitrolife UK Limited, a corporation having a principal place of business at Research Avenue South, Heriot Watt Research Park, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH14 4AP, United Kingdom (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

check applicable box(es) for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
 and throughout the world,

(a) in the invention known as Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives for which application for patent in the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned on 13 December 2001 (also known as United States Application No. 09/920,286, filed August 2, 2001), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and

(b) in any and all applications that claim the benefit of the patent application listed above in part (a), including continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of the patent application or Letters Patent therefor listed above in part (a), to the full extent of the term or terms for which Letters Patents issue, and

(c) in any and all inventions described in the patent application listed above in part (a), and in any and all forms of intellectual and industrial property protection derivable from such patent application, and that are derivable from any and all continuing applications, reissues, extensions, renewals and reexaminations of such patent application, including, without limitation, patents, applications, utility models, inventor's certificates, and designs together with the right to file applications therefor; and including the right to claim the same priority rights from any previously filed applications under the International Agreement for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement, or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable;

all such rights, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the same extent as all such rights, title and interest would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned inventor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned inventor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference or patent enforcement action (judicial or otherwise) related to the application or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination applications thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or patent enforcement action.

The undersigned inventor hereby represents that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned inventor hereby grants Robert Greene Sterne, Esquire, Registration No. 28,912; Edward J. Kessler, Esquire, Registration No. 25,688; Jorge A. Goldstein, Esquire, Registration No. 29,021; David K.S. Cornwell, Esquire, Registration No. 31,944; Robert W. Esmond, Esquire, Registration No. 32,893; Tracy-Gene G. Durkin, Esquire, Registration No. 32,831; Michele A. Cimbala, Esquire, Registration No. 33,851; Michael B. Ray, Esquire, Registration No. 33,997; Robert E. Sokohl, Esquire, Registration No. 36,013; Eric K. Steffe, Esquire, Registration No. 36,688; Michael Q. Lee, Esquire, Registration No. 35,239; Steven R.

Ludwig, Esquire, Registration No. 36,203; John M. Covert, Esquire, Registration No. 38,759; and Linda E. Alcorn, Esquire, Registration No. 39,588; all of STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C., 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20005-3934, power to insert in this assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, executed by the undersigned inventor on the date opposite his/her name.

Date: 13 / 12 / 2001

Signature of Inventor:

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